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FM AMEMASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3036

INFO AMEMBASSY RABAT 2598

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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION

REF: STATE 210312

1. PHYSICAL SECURITY ASPECTS THIS POST HAVE BEEN PRIORITY  
PREOCCUPATION OF MINE EVER SINCE ARRIVAL HERE.  
OVER PAST YEAR WE HAVE TAKEN NUMBER OF STEPS TO IMPROVE OUR  
POSTURE, IN PARTICULAR TO OBTAIN LOCAL GUARDS, TO LIMIT  
ACCESS TO AREAS WHERE CLASSIFIED WORK BEING DONE, AND TO  
CONTROL FLOW OF VISITORS. GIVEN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY OUR  
PHYSICAL SITUATION AND LACK OF MARINE GUARDS WE ARE ULTIMATELY  
AT MERCY OF PROTECTION OFFERED BY ALGERIANS. WE TAKE  
COMFORT IN HOPE THAT THEIR REVOLUTIONARY POSTURE AND FIRM  
CONTROL WILL PRECLUDE TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST THIS POST,  
BUT REALIZE WE CANNOT COUNT ON IT.

2. AS RESULT YOUR CABLE I HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER LOOK AT  
SITUATION. WE ARE GOING TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER OUR  
SECURITY CONTROLS OVER ACCESS TO CONSULAR, ADMINISTRATION,  
USIS AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS. THOSE SECTIONS ARE STILL GOING  
TO BE EXPOSED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF NATURE OF THEIR OPERATIONS  
AND CLIENTELE. WE UNABLE PREVENT DETERMINED TERRORIST FROM  
GAINING ACCESS TO THOSE AREAS UNLESS WE SHUT THEM OFF TO  
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PUBLIC.

3. WE HAVE TWO MAJOR EQUIPMENT WEAKNESSES: (A) AMMUNITION AND TEAR GAS ORDERED FOR THIS POST REMAIN IN RABAT AND WE HAVE NOT YET DEVISED A SATISFACTORY WAY TO GET THEM INTO ALGERIA. AM CONSIDERING GOING TO RABAT MYSELF AND DRIVING BACK WITH THEM IN MY CAR (BECAUSE MY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IS MORE OBVIOUS TO ALGEIAN FRONTIER GUARDS THAN IS IMMUNITY OF SUBORDINATES), BUT AM RELUCTANT TO BECOME ARMS SMUGGLER. THERE MUST BE BETTER WAY. SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED.

(B) POST NEEDS 50 KW EMERGENCY GENERATOR TO REPLACE CURRENT 15KW. IN EMERGENCY SITUATION 15KW GENERATOR WILL PERMIT US TO COMMUNICATE BUT NOTHING MORE; FOR EXAMPLE, WE COULD NOT COMMUNICATE AND RUN DISINTEGRATOR AT SAME TIME. LIGHTS, PHONES, AL-ARMS, CYPHER LOCKS, ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS, ETC. WOULD ALSO BE OUT. SECURITY REVIEWS HAVE CONSISTENTLY RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION OF NEW GENERATOR AND WE HAVE LOCATION BUT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FUNDING. PARKER

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